

## REORGANIZATION PLAN IS APPROVED

Stockholders of Seaboard Air Line Hold Harmonious Meeting in Petersburg.

### NEARLY ALL STOCK PRESENT

Consent Given to Mortgage to Secure Issue of \$125,000,000 Refunding Bonds.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., August 4.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Seaboard Air Line Railway was held in the principal office of the company in this city today. The purpose of the meeting, in brief, were to pass upon the questions: First, of approving the adjustment plan and deposit agreement, dated July 1, 1939, and of authorizing and consenting to all acts and things necessary to carry out said plan and agreement; second, of approving and ratifying the agreement dated June 24, 1939, entered into between the Seaboard Air Line Railway and the committee mentioned in said adjustment plan, whereby the railway agrees to take all steps to carry out said adjustment plan; third, of authorizing and consenting to the making by the Seaboard Air Line Railway of a refunding mortgage or deed of trust covering, subject to prior liens, all the property of the company to secure an issue of \$125,000,000 par value at 4 per cent, refunding bonds, and authorizing and consenting to such issue of bonds; fourth, of authorizing and consenting to the making by the Seaboard Air Line Railway of an adjustment mortgage or deed of trust covering, subject to the purpose of refunding mortgage and prior liens, the property of the company to secure an issue of \$125,000,000 par value, 5 per cent, adjustment bonds, and approving and authorizing an offer to the stockholders, including officers and directors and members of the above mentioned committee, of the opportunity of subscribing to the extent of 30 per cent, of their holdings for \$18,000,000 par value of said bonds at 70 per cent, of their par value; fifth, of passing upon propositions separately and severally for the purchase of Seaboard Air Line Railway, on the merger or consolidation with the Seaboard Air Line Railway, at such time and on such terms as the board of directors shall determine, of the properties and franchises of all or any of the railroad companies, all or nearly all of the capital stock whereof is owned by the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

All of the above propositions were approved and ratified. The great body of the stock voted and the meeting was presided over by James Byrne, Mr. Stinefield and Mr. Brady, of New York, Judge L. R. Watts, general counsel, of Portsmouth; William R. McKenney, local counsel, of Petersburg, and other counsel. The meeting was in session less than an hour, and on adjournment the stockholders left for Raleigh, where they meet to-night to pass upon the same questions. Similar meetings will follow in Columbia, Jacksonville, Atlanta and Birmingham.

**Common Council Notes.**  
A proposition is before the Common Council to appropriate \$10,000 for the improvement of the City Almshouse. It was referred to the Committee on Public Property.

A resolution was offered and referred at the session of the Council last night to inquire as to the advisability of establishing a city park for colored people in the western part of the city. It has been a matter of complaint that the colored people flock to the Central Park, the prettiest park in the city, and crowd the white people.

Mrs. W. Gordon McCabe, of Richmond, representing the Colonial Dames of Virginia, has sent a request to the Council that the historic Pocahontas basin be placed on the Central Park. The basin, which is a tradition says was used by the Princess Pocahontas, has been resting for months on the front porch of the courthouse, having been removed there for safekeeping from the banks of the Appomattox.

**News in General.**  
There has been much activity in politics here to-day, with much discussion as to the prospects of the gubernatorial candidates, and some betting. The activity is particularly shown among the friends of Judge Mann, who have made arrangements for workers at the polls and for getting out a full vote tomorrow.

**Legislation in the district composed of Greensville and Sussex counties and three running for the House of Delegates in the district, composed of Prince George and Surrey, the situation in both is quite lively and interesting.**

Paul Pettit left yesterday on a business trip to New York.

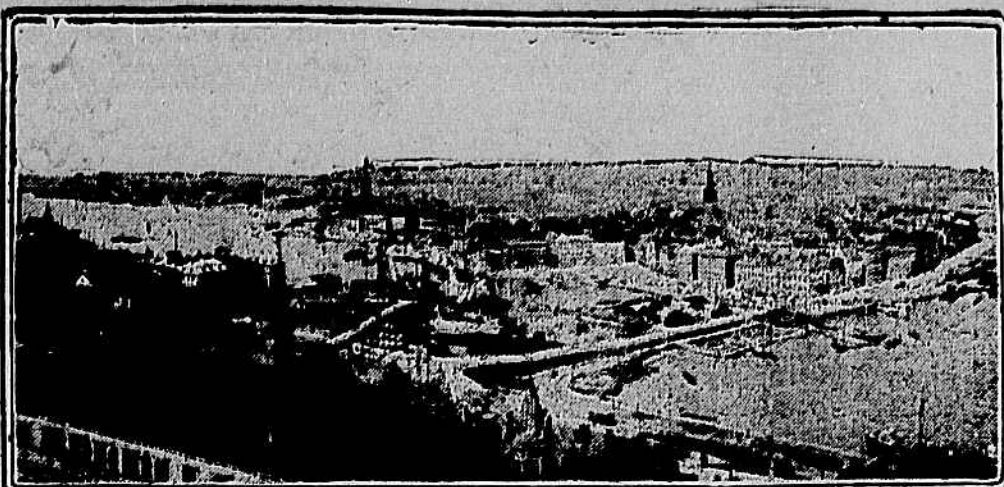
Robert Newsum, whose back was broken by a fall from an electric light pole some days ago, was subjected to a second surgical operation at the Petersburg Hospital yesterday, and his friends are now hopeful of his ultimate recovery.

**Clubhouse on Cobb's Island.**  
Plans have been made for a clubhouse of modern appointments, to be erected on Cobb's Island by George Cameron, Sr., George Cameron, Jr., Simon Seward, Harry Seward, W. L. Venable and T. F. Heath, citizens of Petersburg, for hunting and fishing purposes.

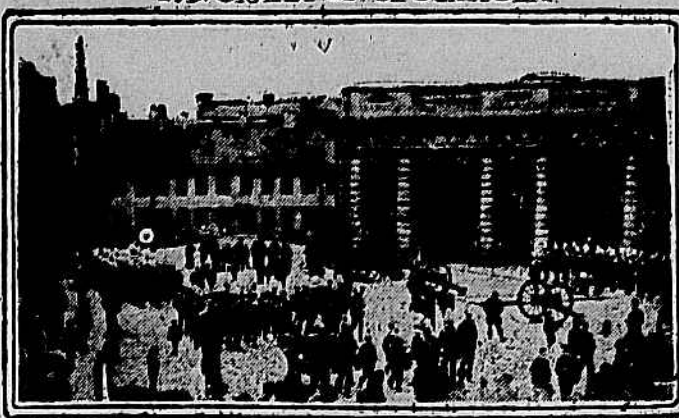
The post-office at Matoaca and the store with which it is connected, were broken into and robbed. The thief is said not to have gotten much for his trouble.

Colonel James R. Catton, candidate

## Revolutionary Flame Reaches Out To Sweden



PANORAMA OF STOCKHOLM.



ROYAL PALACE, STOCKHOLM.

for the nomination for Lieutenant-Governor, was in the city today shaking hands with his friends.

### DANGEROUS STAGE IN THE CAPE FEAR RIVER

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., August 4.—Cape Fear River is again a boom and it is feared that a repetition of last August's disastrous flood, which ruined crops in the lowlands, will be repeated. To-day all cotton mills in Fayetteville run on upper Cape Fear were suspended for a time. The street cars were stopped on account of back water at Manchester on Little River. Later in the day they were run by the city dynamo.

Latest advices state that the river has reached more than a forty-five-foot rise and is still rising. Fifty feet rise would be nineteen feet less than last year. Reports from the lowlands are that some corn is already submerged and consequently ruined.

### KITCHIN MAY BE CANDIDATE ON TRUST-BUSTING PLATFORM.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
RALEIGH, N. C., August 4.—In what is generally taken to be a pronouncement leading to an active candidacy for the seat of F. M. Simmons in the United States Senate, Governor W. W. Kerr, to-day addressed the North Carolina Farmers' Union at Cary on "trust-busting," taking the ground that State legislation can accomplish but little and that the real fight must be through national legislation. He defended his own and the North Carolina Legislature's record in anti-trust effort, taking the ground that it is in the halls of Congress that the people must have their anti-trust lawmak-

### NO ATTORNEY PRESENT TO REPRESENT STATE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
GREENSBORO, N. C., August 4.—On account of the absence of the solicitor, the cases before Magistrate Collins against the men charged with the murder of Miss Newman were not heard this afternoon, and the accused were remanded to jail without bond until Monday. An immense crowd overflowed the courthouse to hear the trial and was plainly displeased that the State had no representative.

Attorneys Beall, Stern, Stedman and Cooke were present for the prisoners, and did not oppose a continuance.

### TWO HANDS MISSING FROM CITY OF MILFORD.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
MILFORD, N. C., August 4.—Two hands are missing from the steamer City of Milford, which plies between this port and Norfolk, and it is believed that the negro Anthony, whose lifeless body was found floating in Pasquotank River Tuesday morning, was one of these. It has been reported to the police that one of the negro men and negro deck hands on the City of Milford were involved in a dispute and flight on board Sunday night. Both hands are said to be missing, and it is the theory that Anthony was murdered and thrown overboard. Police are making the effort to locate the alleged murder and have notified the Norfolk police to be vigilant.

### Greensboro Saloonist Dead.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
GREENSBORO, N. C., August 4.—Ed. Sykes, proprietor of the only licensed near-beer saloon in the city, died this afternoon of typhoid fever, after three weeks' illness. He was thirty-seven years of age, and leaves a wife and several children.



KING GUSTAV V OF SWEDEN

### MEETING HELD IN NELSON MANSION

Yorktown Historical Society of the United States Is Organized.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
YORKTOWN, VA., August 4.—The Yorktown Historical Society of the United States was auspiciously launched here to-day in the famous old Thomas Nelson mansion, with thirty enthusiastic men and women of Virginia, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia participating. A constitution was adopted and officers were elected, except the President. This officer will be elected by a committee named for the purpose, and a report will be made at another meeting at Yorktown on August 18.

### In Resulting Explosion Farmer Is Badly Injured and House Wrecked.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
STANTON, VA., August 4.—Thomas R. Steele, a wealthy farmer residing near Churchville, was painfully and possibly fatally burned in a gas explosion last night. While at supper, detecting the odor of gas, he went into the cellar and struck a match to examine the gas pipes. The escaped gas ignited and caused an explosion, which partially wrecked the house, breaking up some of the furniture and burning Mr. Steele all over the upper part of his body. Medical assistance was promptly obtained and all the relief possible administered, but his recovery is uncertain. He has an acetylene gas plant and there was a leak in the pipe in the cellar.

### Burglar Makes Escape.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SPENCER, N. C., August 4.—The store of the McDaniel-Klitzner Company at Spencer was entered by an unknown burglar at midnight last night, who escaped without a clue to his identity. R. I. Grantham, manager of the business, left the store at a late hour the previous evening and returned at midnight for some medicine for a customer, and upon entering the prescription department found the intruder hiding behind the counter. He fled out a back door, which had been opened, and escaped in the darkness.

## JUDGE'S DECISION EAGERLY AWAITED

Liquor People of Bristol on Anxious Seat Over Granting of Licenses.

BRISTOL, VA., Aug. 4.—A matter of absorbing interest here is whether or not Judge Joseph L. Kelly will issue liquor licenses in advance of his final decision in the local option contest case. The impression among some of the lawyers here is that he would have a right to issue such licenses, in accordance with the result of the election, but whether he will deem it advisable to do so is not yet known. The matter will probably be duly tested on August 12, at which time the first applications will be made.

On that date counsel for proposed dealers will appear in behalf of the issuance of licenses, while it is equally well understood that counsel for the petitioners in the local option contest case will protest against the issuance of licenses prior to the settlement of the contest case.

In all eleven persons and firms have served public notice of their intention to make application for licenses during the August term.

So intense is the interest in the situation here, that the moment there is a suspicion that something is likely to be doing in the Corporation Court touching the subject, that moment the courtroom is packed, until there is not room for another soul outside of the bar rail.

**Lucrative in Receipts.**

The receipts in the local customs house for July amounted to \$2,942.32. This is a big increase over the corresponding period last year, and is said to be another evidence of Richmond's progressiveness.

## EASTERN SHORE GIANT IS DEAD

Famous Strong Man Passes Away in Hospital at Philadelphia.

### OFTEN BRAVED DANGER

Stories of His Exploits Made His Name Widely Known.



JOHN HAFF.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CAPE CHARLES, VA., August 4.—Captain J. Haff, aged sixty years, died in the Methodist Hospital, Philadelphia, last evening from an abscess of the lungs. He was taken to the hospital several weeks ago. For many years he was recognized as one of the most powerful men of the country. It is doubtful if there has lived in this or the preceding generation a more powerful man, from a physical standpoint, than the meek-eyed, even-tempered John Haff, who was the patient day watchman at the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad crossing at Cape Charles.

This Hercules of the Peninsula was not a native of the Eastern Shore, but he had lived here for many years. "The strong man of the Shore," as Haff was often dubbed, was not given to talking of his past nor boasting of his strength. He had always lived an honest, upright life, and there was nothing for him to talk about, as he often said.

Haff was cast away off Hog Island in 1857 in a terrible gale that swept the Atlantic seaboard. He was then about eighteen. The ship on which he met with his first and last shipwreck hailed from New York, and was bound for Savannah. The vessel weathered the gale until off the treacherous Hog Island shoals, where she went to pieces. Haff, being of powerful build and an expert long-distance swimmer, took one of his shipmates on his back and struck out for the shore, eight miles distant. The task, though Herculean one, was accomplished by Haff. He reached the shore in safety with his comrade clinging to him, dead. From that day until the present he had lived on the sporting world.

Haff was a nephew of the world-famous sailor of racing yachts, "Hank" Haff. The uncle had tried in many ways to get his nephew to leave the land of his adoption and go to New York, where a fortune awaited him in the sporting world, but without avail. The young Haff had married, and with a little family all his own, he was prouder than anything which he might get from the sporting world.

That he could have been independently rich was the opinion of the late A. J. Cassatt, whom Haff knew when the president of the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad.

Mr. Cassatt took quite a fancy to Haff, and had him with him on one or two tours of inspection of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Haff was also on speaking terms with the only John L. Sullivan, and had the mits on with that pugilist. It is told that Sullivan said the hardest blow he ever felt in his life was delivered by John Haff, of Cape Charles. Sporting men everywhere had either met Haff or heard of him, and the flattering offers that he received in days gone by to enter the athletic arena, would have the head of many a sport of to-day.

As a long-distance swimmer Haff probably had no equal in the world. The proprietor of a famous sporting house once paid \$5,000 for Haff against a long-distance swimmer in the world, but no one ever covered of jumping into the Chesapeake Bay at Cape Charles, and swimming across to Old Point Comfort than a duck does on taking a bath. Reputable citizens of Cape Charles and Eastville have known him to perform the feat on several occasions.

**Few Superiors.**  
As to his physical strength Haff had but few superiors in his day. There was not a clam in the waters of the Chesapeake or the Atlantic that could withstand the mighty grip of John Haff's hands. He could take a claim in each hand and smash them into atoms, as one would an egg. Once he broke the neck of a powerful bull in trying to get it out of the mire.

There have been times when the negro element of Cape Charles would make an effort to take the town, but when the authorities deputized Haff to clear the streets, there was always a lively scramble among the negroes to get off, for some of them had felt the power of Haff's sledge-hammer blows on other occasions. Some years ago Haff was placed under bond not to strike a man in Northampton county for a period of seven years.

Some years ago the captain of a vessel, whose boat was caught in a storm, called upon Haff to tow it ashore. Haff plunged into the water, and, plugging a rope around his body, pulled the boat to safety.

### Mounted Officer Hurt.

Mounted Officer Matt was painfully, but not seriously, hurt early yesterday morning by a fall from his horse. It seems that the horse stumbled and that the officer's leg was caught beneath the animal, where it was cut and bruised. There were other minor injuries. Mr. Matt was attended by Dr. Collier, of the city ambulance, who dressed his wounds and carried him home. Late last night he was recovering rapidly, and his physicians thought there were no internal injuries. It was at first feared there might be. It will probably be some time before the officer will be able to go on duty again.

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## VAINLY PLEADING FOR MERCY, GOES TO JAIL

NEW YORK, August 4.—Mrs. Neville Castle, the woman from California, who has a difference of opinion with William D. Craig as to whether Mr. Craig, whom she shot, but did not seriously injure, last night at the Waldorf-Astoria, has pursued her, or she him, found no mercy to-day in the man she says loves her; nor had any one gone on her ball to-night.

Craig refused to dismiss his complaint against her, and when she laid her hand on his shoulder in court and pleaded gently, "Will, please drop it, won't you?" he turned brusquely and left the room. She was held in \$3,000 bail for the next examination.

In the matron's room of the Jefferson Market prison to-night, Mrs. Castle gave out a statement, interrupted by bursts of weeping, in which she intimated that her negro servant could testify in her support.

"The night before last," she said, "Will (Mr. Craig) called at my house about 7 o'clock. Something occurred that I swore I would punish him for. I had my servant put him out. He

said things which he said he should tell somebody. I said he shouldn't. If you had seen you would have told them to act just as I have acted. Last night I went to the Waldorf to make him retract. I told him it would have to be in the presence of the negro, because he had been in the room, and had heard. When I met Will, he said, 'I wish I was dead, that Kate was dead, that you were dead.' 'Kate, you know, is his wife. 'Then I drew this crazy little air-fair'—the pistol she carried in her handbag. 'He grabbed it and it went off.' Mrs. Castle has been highly excited ever since her arrest, but up to the time of her statement to-night she denied any attempt to 'punish' any one. She drew her pistol, she said, with intent, with intent to commit suicide.

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